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14                   **RESPONSE TO DECEMBER 15, 2006 OFFICE COMMUNICATION**

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16           In response to the Office Communication of **December 15, 2006**, the  
17   response is provided as follows:

18           The listing of the claims begins on page 2 of this paper.

19           Remarks begin on page 16 of this paper.